

Primary Sources



Training Opportunities for using Primary Source documents

<http://www.loc.gov/teachers/professionaldevelopment/videoconferences/> - free video conference workshops offered by Library of Congress. There is a two hour workshop available for free if you are interested in signing up as a PLC. Offered for groups.

<http://www.loc.gov/teachers/professionaldevelopment/selfdirected/> - modules designed for teachers. The last one on the page is “finding primary sources”. It is described as “shortcuts for finding primary sources, tips for planning a search, resources to learn more.” It last approximately one hour. Individual learning.

Databases Available through Oldham Co. Public Library

<http://www.youseemore.com/oldham/default.asp>

America’s Genealogy Bank - Quickly find your ancestors in over 300 years of historical newspapers, books, pamphlets and government reports. Search over 1,000 newspapers; the American State Papers; US Congressional Serial Set and more. Find obituaries, birth & marriage notices; pension records etc. Read every article on every page of the newspaper.

Heritage Quest - It delivers an essential collection of genealogical and historical sources—with coverage dating back to the 1700s—that can help people find their ancestors and discover a place’s past.



Primary Source Document Websites

<http://www.loc.gov/teachers/usingprimarysources/finding.html> - Starting points for using Library of Congress. Links include themed resources, by state, by topic etc...

<http://www.loc.gov/teachers/classroommaterials/primarysourcesets/states/> - Library of Congress holdings by state.

<http://memory.loc.gov/ammem/index.html> - American Memory Historical Collections for the National Digital Library....

<http://memory.loc.gov/ammem/browse/index.html> - American Memory Historical Collection for the Library of Congress

<http://www.loc.gov/jukebox/> - National jukebox by the Library of Congress. Many types of recordings are available.

<http://docsteach.org/documents> - National Archives

<http://docsteach.org/> - *DocsTeach* brings together more than 3,000 primary sources and seven online activities, each designed to reinforce specific historical thinking skills.

<http://gethelp.library.upenn.edu/guides/hist/onlinenewspapers.html> - historical U.S. newspapers that are available online at no cost

<http://library.duke.edu/digitalcollections/adaccess/> - Over 7,000 U.S. and Canadian advertisements covering five product categories - Beauty and Hygiene, Radio, Television, Transportation, and World War II propaganda - dated between 1911 and 1955

<http://www.calisphere.universityofcalifornia.edu/> - From the University of California

<http://digitalgallery.nypl.org/nypldigital/index.cfm> - New York Public Library

<http://avalon.law.yale.edu/default.asp> - Yale Law School's documents on diplomacy, history and law.

<http://www.gwu.edu/~nsarchiv/> - National Security Archive from George Washington University.

<http://quod.lib.umich.edu/m/moagrp/> - Digital library of primary sources in American social history from the antebellum period through reconstruction.

<http://xroads.virginia.edu/~hyper/wpa/wpahome.html> - American Slave Narratives

http://eudocs.lib.byu.edu/index.php/Main_Page - Western European Primary Historical Documents

<http://www.life.com/> - has an enormous selection of historical photos that are great for discussions. Many of these photos are in sequential order and the "story" is told by reading the captions below each photo.

<http://library.duke.edu/specialcollections/bingham/guides/digital.html> Center for women's History & Culture

http://wwi.lib.byu.edu/index.php/Main_Page - World War I document archive

<http://www.ourdocuments.gov/content.php?flash=true&page=milestone> - top 100 documents in American History.

<http://www.gilderlehrman.org/collection/> - Over 60,000 primary sources from US History. Particularly rich with materials in the Revolutionary, Antebellum, Civil War and Reconstruction periods.

<http://nationalhumanitiescenter.org/pds/index.htm> - Primary resources in literature and US History.

<http://www.presidency.ucsb.edu/index.php> - Archive contain 90,428 documents related to the study of the Presidency.